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Palembang Falls In Sumatra

LONG LINE OF ADVANCE BASES ON SOUTH SEAS TO BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO NOW IN JAPANESE HANDS

LONDON, February 16.

IN THE Philippines General MacArthur's forces are awaiting the new Japanese onslaught on the Batan Island.

The Japanese now hold a long line of advance bases on the South China Sea to the Bismarck Archipelago.

Pressure is increasing in the New Guinea.

PALEMBANG FALLS

The Japanese have occupied Palambang where they had landed yesterday, it is officially announced in Batavia.

Allied forces, American, British and Dutch strafed the invaders and their ships, exacting a heavy toll in men and craft. Palembang itself was occupied after fierce fighting.

It is announced that the oil installations were completely destroyed before the Japanese occupation. Full details of this are not available, but the destruction must have been terrific.

ALLIED AIRCRAFT IN ACTION

BATAVIA, Feb. 16.

A "communique" states: "Parachutists' attack last Saturday has been followed up by landing action with a very large number of ships which transported thousands of Japanese to Palembang.

British, American and Netherlands aircraft bombed a Japanese fleet in the Banka Strait and scored direct hits on five transports ships and two cruisers, while bombers and fighters of allied forces took strong action against the invaders' ships sailing on the Moesi. In spite of strong resistance the Japanese succeeded in occupying Palembang.

A small place in New Guinea was bombed for an hour by the Japanese. Four civilians were killed and one seriously wounded and four slightly wounded. Great damage to material was inflicted, especially to Government buildings and houses.

For the rest, enemy air activity consisted of reconnaissance and slight bombardments.

In South Celebes fighting is continuing uninterruptedly. A Japanese unit was ambushed and lost thirty to forty soldiers and two officers without losses on our side."

Battle For Palembang

LONDON, The Netherlands Government Information Bureau states that the following official Communique was issued by the Supreme Headquarters of the South-west Pacific Command:

"Reports so far received about action in the Palembang area of Sumatra on the fourteenth and fifteenth show that Allied bomber and fighter aircraft gave all possible support to the land forces defending the area.

Hurricanes and Blenheims caused great devastation by lowflying attacks on barges packed with enemy troops which were moving up the river in the direction of Palembang. Some of the Hurricanes—eight-guns fighters—made as many as six separate sorties during the day only ceasing their efforts when it was no longer possible for them to use their aerodromes to refuel.

Dutch and American aircraft were in the meantime vigorously attacking transport and warships off the coast. Further reports are not yet to hand but hits are claimed on five transports ships and two cruisers, one of which was set on fire."

ADJOURNMENT DISALLOWED

Congress Party Boycotts Budget Debate In Orissa Assembly

CUTTACK, Feb. 16.

In the Orissa Assembly to-day, the Hon. Speaker disallowed an adjournment motion given notice of by Mr. Biswanath Das, Leader of the Congress Party, on February 12 to discuss the question of arrest of Mr. Naba-Krishna Chaudhury and Mr. Mohandas, Members of the Assembly.

As the Opposition (Congress Party) did not take part in the general discussion of the revised budget for 1941-42, to-day's Assembly business was finished in about half an hour.

The House adjourned till tomorrow.—A.R.

JAP OBJECTIVE IN BURMA

RANGOON, Feb. 15.

The next Japanese objective after their success in crossing the Salween river at Paan appears to be Thaton, an important road and rail junction about 25 miles west of Paan. Of the fact that the Japanese are now preparing an attack on the area of Duyinzeik-Thaton shows that they have been able to consolidate their forces despite the severe losses inflicted by Baluchis in Paan.

Duyinzeik lies six miles north-east of Thaton Athwart the Donthami river which flows due south joining the Salween a few miles above Martaban. It is connected by road with Thaton which will be endangered if the Japs. succeeded in crossing the Donthami at this point.

Meanwhile the Japanese are believed to be sending in infiltration parties further south across the Donthami in order to threaten the left flank of our forces south of Thaton. The possibility of their coupling this with attempts to land parties by sea up the coast for Martaban thus additionally threatening the right flank cannot be excluded, though it is known that the Burma Command is fully alive to this manoeuvre employed so successfully by the Japanese in West Malaya.

The general position in the whole area south of Thaton west of Paan remains essentially fluid and the Japanese have not established any definite line.—A.P.

General Withdrawal On Burma Front

RANGOON: The Department of the Civil Defence Commissioner states this afternoon that there is nothing to report.

The R. A. F. 'communique' issued this afternoon reports that there were no air raids over Burma during last night. In support of our ground forces, bombers supported by Allied fighters attacked enemy positions in the forward areas during the morning of February 15. In the afternoon, our bombers attacked enemy positions in the Paan area.

All our aircraft returned safely

Reconnaissances were also carried out by aircraft of the R. A. F. and the Royal Indian Air Force.

The Army Headquarters 'communique' issued this afternoon reports that our troops were withdrawn yesterday from their positions in the Shwegun Bridge—Thaton area and are now occupying more concentrated positions on the line of the Bilin river, and this operation was not interfered with by the enemy.

The latest withdrawal of our land forces brings their right flank to a point about forty miles north of Moulmein where the Bilin river flows into the Gulf of Martaban.

The Paan area is not mentioned in the 'communique' and it is not known what effects the latest operations will have on fighting in this area, but it is believed that **the withdrawal is general.—A. P.**

Japanese Battle For Bases

Heavy Artillery Fire In Batan: Attack On Allied Shipping: Raid On Port Moresby

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.

The War Department reports heavy enemy artillery fire in Batan in the past 24 hours.

Monday's "communique" says:—

PHILIPPINE THEATRE:—There has been heavy artillery fire in Batan in the past 24 hours and intermittent infantry fighting was in progress in several sections of the front. Enemy aviation was active throughout the day. Nothing to report from other areas".

Attack On Allied Shipping

MELBOURNE:—A Royal Australian Air Force "communique" says that Japanese aircraft unsuccessfully attacked Allied shipping in Timor Sea. R. A. A. F. reconnaissance of the Bismarck Archipelago continued. There were small scale Japanese reconnaissances on the south coast of Papua on February 15, but no bombs were dropped.

Raid On Port Moresby

SYDNEY:—The use of a heavy land-based bomber by the Japanese in a reconnaissance flight over Port Moresby in Papua yesterday indicates the possibility of a new phase in the battle for important bases here, says the Port Moresby correspondent of the "Sydney Sun".

Earlier bombings and reconnaissances were carried out by slow vulnerable four-engined flying boats, apparently based on Rabaul, he writes.

The bomber flew over Port Moresby for half an hour yesterday, but the town has been free from raids for ten days.

The enemy is apparently doubtful regarding the New Guinea defences and is now trying to draw them out.

Daring Submarine Raid

CURACAO:—A daring raid on the Dutch West Indies Island of Aruba was carried out by an Axis submarine during the night. The submarine torpedoed three tankers and shelled the Standard Oil Company's refinery which was slightly damaged. There were no casualties ashore.

The casualties among the tanker crews are not yet known. Another tanker was torpedoed near the harbour of Willemstad in Curacao but, though badly damaged, it was saved. One of the crew was slightly wounded.

Aruba is an important filling station for ocean-going tankers, which take oil aboard from shallow draft inter-island vessels.—Reuter.

JINNAH'S CHALLENGE TO VICEROY

SERAJGANJ, Feb. 15. (Delayed).

"Regarding the August proposal the principles of which we have accepted our position is this that we are willing provided we get a real share not only in the authority of Government at the Centre, but in all the provinces," declared Mr. M. A. Jinnah, delivering his Presidential Address at the Plenary Session of the Provincial League To-day.

Mr. Jinnah took 90 minutes to finish his speech.

He added: "So far as the British Government is concerned, up to the present moment, their position is that of nothing doing. The August proposal still stands. We have accepted principles of this proposal, but as they have come to translate that proposal, they have destroyed its principles by whittling these down by making us an offer which no decent self-respecting organisation can accept."

ON RAJAJI'S "FRANKNESS"

Criticising the Congress, he referred to the observation made by Mr. Rajagopalachariar in the course of a recent speech that "there are two powerful popular organisations of Hindus and Muslims", and said, "this is the first time one of the foremost leaders of the Congress had the frankness to declare that the Congress was a Hindu organisation and I declare that the Congress does not represent anybody except Hindus and that Muslim League represents Muslim India. I think there is hope for both of them to meet on equal terms and not on any other terms."

Coming to the problems of Bengal, he made a review of incidents that had led to the expulsion of Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq from the League and to the formation of the new Ministry in the province. He pointed out, "with all this generous survey I ask you what is your verdict. Is this not a case of gross betrayal and treachery not only to the Muslim League, but to Muslim India?"

ORDER FRESH ELECTIONS

Denouncing the action of the present Ministry in "hampering propaganda work carried on by the League against seceders", Mr. Jinnah declared; "Let me say from this platform that if the Governor of Bengal does not stop this without delay, in Bengal there will arise a situation for which there is no parallel in the history of Bengal during the British Raj. We are not going to be suppressed and oppressed or tyrannised by this wretched Ministry that does not represent Muslims. I hope that the eye of the Viceroy will also open with regard to this issue. I appeal to the Governor of Bengal, I appeal to the Viceroy if you want to have this issue tested constitutionally let us have fresh elections. Let us go to our people and let us take their verdict to which we are willing to bow down."

Concluding Mr. Jinnah appealed to his audience to stand firm and united.—A. P.

Fling At Jawahar

Discussing the question of partitioning India as demanded by the League, Mr. Jinnah made a reference to the "latest pronouncement of that great international statesman, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who always thinks in terms of international problems and of world problems, and for whom India does not exist", and said that in this pronouncement, Pandit Nehru expressed astonishment as to how the Muslim League could talk of partitioning India and of forming a separate Muslim Bloc when some Islamic countries who were separate Muslim Blocs had now lost their freedom, etc., "well", the speaker remarked, "I can say to Pandit Nehru, my dear friend, let us look after ourselves and see how we can stand by ourselves. May I know from him when, now that big and powerful nations could not stand alone, how the whole of India could stand by itself alone.?"

Mr. Jinnah maintained that the scheme of Partitioning India as envisaged in "pakistan" was so simple that all educated men and even a large body of uneducated people had understood what it meant.

"Really, one is tempted to wonder", Mr. Jinnah proceeded, "what has happened to the Hindu minds, what has happened to the Hindu reasoning, what has happened to the Hindu judgment.! I have nothing more to say about Pakistan."—A. P.

GRIEVANCES OF DETENUS

Punjab Premier's Assurance To Maulana Azad

(From Our Correspondent)

LAHORE, Feb. 16.

It is understood Maulana Azad, during his talks with Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan placed the grievances of the detenus recently repatriated from Deoli. The Premier promised prompt action.

Maulana Azad is not leaving today on account of a mild attack of influenza. Doctors advised rest.

AZAD-SIKANDAR TALKS.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad met Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan at the dining table of his host, Mian Iftikar-ud-Din, President of the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee. An exchange of views is reported to have taken place between the Congress President and the Punjab Premier on Congress co-operation with other agencies to maintain internal security and render social service in the event of an emergency. Certain Muslim Leaguers and Hindu Sabhaites are also stated to have exchanged views with Maulana Azad on this subject.—A. P.

DACCA PRISONERS' WIRE TO HOME MINISTER.

DACCA, Feb. 16.

It is understood that prisoners convicted in terrorist and political cases, now lodged in the Dacca Central Jail, have sent a telegram to the Chief Minister of Bengal, who also holds the Home Portfolio, asking him to see them soon in order to enable them to place before him their attitude regarding "anti-Fascist Peoples War" and the question of their release.—A. P.

SENSATIONAL EXPOSURE OF BEAVERBROOK
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COMMONS TO DEBATE WAR

LONDON, Feb. 16.

Mr. Churchill is to make a war statement to the House of Commons at its next sitting. A two-day debate may follow since there is a definite demand for a discussion of that length though, as the Government would have preferred to await further information from some theatres of war, it is not yet certain whether the full demand will be met at this stage. But some debate at the next sitting seems certain, writes Reuter's parliamentary correspondent.

JAPANESE NEW ORDER

TOKYO, Feb. 16.

Saying that the fall of Singapore meant that all important Anglo-American bases in East Asia were now in Japanese hands, the Prime Minister, General Tojo, told the Diet to-day that Japan aimed at securely establishing a New Order of co-existence and co-prosperity on ethical principles with the Japanese Empire as the nucleus of the system and each country and people in Greater East Asia having "its proper place".

Speaking to South America and other neutral countries, General Tojo believed that they would understand Japan's "real intentions" and not "commit the folly of pulling the chestnuts out of the fire for United States and Britain."

The fall of Singapore, said General Tojo, marked the completion only of the first stage in the prosecution of the war and he warned the Japanese people not to relax their efforts or be elated over Singapore."

SINGAPORE OPENS BRITON'S EYES

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, Feb. 16.

With the shadow of war so close to India's door writers in Sunday papers have joined others in stressing the importance of a United India to face the Japanese menace. Events have moved so fast in the last few days that there is this remarkable repercussion in the average Englishman that the solution of the Indian problem does not lie in India but in Britain itself—Downing Street.

People are reminded of Mr. Churchill's January statement in the Commons that he was "soon" replying to the appeal by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and others. Obviously these people want to know why it has taken the Premier such a long time to respond to the urgent call of the Moderate leaders who think only in terms of friendship for Britain and wish her well.

Committee Set Up For City's Civil Defence

All-Party Organisation To Meet Air Raid Situation

Two resolutions, one appealing to the citizens of Bombay to help in every way possible to protect themselves against the danger of air raids and internal commotion and the other setting up a Citizens' Civil Defence Committee representative of all sections of the people, were passed at a requisition meeting of the citizens of Bombay called by the Sheriff, Mr. M. R. A. Baig, and held at the Town Hall on Monday evening.

Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai, who was elected to preside over the meeting, in appealing to the citizens to co-operate fully with the Civil Defence Committee said:—"We belong to no party; we belong to no political organisation for the great work that lies ahead of us. There is no distinction of 'Government' and 'non-Government' so far as the protection and safety of our fellow-citizens is concerned. It is the exercise of any pettifogging authority that will come in the way of popular enthusiasm. Otherwise the citizens are prepared to carry out the instructions of duly constituted authorities in alleviating their common misfortunes and in taking measures against a common menace."

BEHAVIOUR OF TROOPS

Continuing Mr. Desai said that he had been receiving numerous complaints in regard to the behaviour of non-Indian troops passing through Bombay. Allowances, he said, could be made for frivolity; but when frolic reached a stage of molesting citizens, the situation became intolerable. Those who were supposed to protect the people against external aggression should be the first to understand their duty as citizens, even though their sojourn in the city may be short.

Dr. J. A. Collaco, the Mayor of Bombay, moved the following resolution:—"This meeting appeals to the citizens of Bombay to help in every way possible the city and its residents to protect themselves against the danger of air raids and to render service to the citizens in the event of possible internal commotion as a result of enemy action."

The Mayor said: "Bombs do not discriminate between a Hindu or a Muslim, a Christian or a Parsi. Nor do they discriminate between a Congressman, a Muslim Leaguer, a Hindu Mahasabhaite, a loyalist or a Government servant.

Mr. K. M. Munshi seconded the resolution.

"The tragic part of the situation", said Mr. Munshi, "which we are facing to-day is that the Government which has the means and machinery have not the confidence of the public and those who have, have not the means wherewith to achieve satisfactory results. This citizens meeting is primarily intended to bridge this gulf."

GOVT.'S ASSURANCE

Mr. D. Symington, Government A R P. Controller welcoming the idea of the Civil Defence Committee said:— "I am authorised to say that if such a committee is formed Government would be glad to work in close touch and harmony with it and will be glad to give assistance in finding headquarters for the Committee's activities and in providing establishment and other contingencies necessary for its working".

"The ARP services have specialised duties to perform for which considerable training is needed. There can be no question of their functions being duplicated by any body organised on similar lines. Such a course could only result in chaos.

SET UP WARD COMMITTEES

Mr. R. P. Masani said that the most pressing need was organised effort to counter-act the paralysing effect of wild rumours, which distributed the normal life of the city. He urged that Ward Committees, of the type which were established during the last war, should again be set up.

Messrs. Salebhoy and Mahomed Bakshi and Lady Rama Rau supported.

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. Fazlul Ibrahim Rahimtoola moved:—

"This meeting appoints a committee to be known as the Citizen's Civil Defence Committee to devise every means feasible for the purpose referred to in the last resolution."

The resolution was passed unanimously after being seconded and supported by Mr. D. G. Dalvi, Mr. P. B. Sanzgiri, Mr. Lalji Pendse and Mr. M. L. Shah.

The Committee consists of nearly 150 persons representing all sections of the population. All the A. R. P. Wardens will be ex-officio members of the committee.

Messrs. S. K. Patil, Satf. F. B. Tyebji, Major S. R. Bamji, F. R. Moraes and J. K. Mehta will be the Secretaries of the Committee. Mr. M. R. A. Baig, the Sheriff of Bombay, will be its President.

Mr. S. K. Patil proposed a vote of thanks to the Sheriff and Mr. Gordhandas Morarji to the chair.

COMMITTEE PERSONNEL

The Citizens' Civil Defence Committee includes Sir Purushotamdas Thakurdas, Sir Ardeshir Dalal, Mr. Bhulabhai J. Desai, Mr. N. M. Joshi, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Mr. K. F. Nariman, Mr. Walchand Hirachand, Mr S. A. Brelvi Mr. Francis Low, Sir Chimanlal H. Setalvad, Mr. J. C Setalvad, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Munshi, Mr. R. D. Birla, Sir Cowasji Jehangir, Mr Homi Mehta, Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the Hindu Mahasabha, Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, Dr. Collaco, the Mayor of Bombay Sir Chunilal V. Mehta, Mr. B. G. Kher, Mr. R. P. Masani and Mr. Fazal Ibrahim Rahimtullah.

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The Municipal Commissioner has agreed to place the Municipal Dongri School at the disposal of the Government during emergency, also a personnel of 405 persons from the Municipal staff for the general supervision and other duties to look to the cooking, service of food and sanitation, etc.

The arrangement for distribution of food will be made by the Government. When this matter came before the Municipal Corporation on Monday, it was resolved to postpone consideration for a week till the representatives of the Municipal Corporation meet the Government officials next week in a Conference.

The House then elected eleven Councillors to meet the representatives of the Government next Monday at the Secretariate.

DR. J. F. BULSARA CONFIRMED

The House confirmed Dr. J. F. Bulsara as Deputy Commissioner from the 1st of February, 1942. The Municipal Commissioner in a letter to the Corporation stated that Dr. J. F. Bulsara had completed his period of probation on 31st January, 1942 and that he had found his work satisfactory.

The House then adjourned till Thursday.

Taxi Drivers & War Effort

At an extraordinary general meeting of the Bombay Taxi Drivers' Union, held at the Jinnah Hall, on Monday, it was unanimously decided, in reply to requests made by the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Motor Vehicles Taxation, and the Secretary of the Provincial Transport Authority, that a taxi-driver could not voluntarily participate in the war effort by joining the Motor Transport section, although the Union had no intention to embarrass Government in its fight against the Axis powers.

The meeting also called upon the members of the Union to remain in Bombay in time of emergency and utilize their taxi cars for Public service such as evacuation of the town, carrying the wounded and the sick, hospital service and helping A. R. P. and other allied bodies, without expectation of any reward for service rendered. The Union, however, expected Government to provide petrol and compensation for damage during an emergency.

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THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER, G. I. P. Railway, Poona invites tenders upto 16 hrs. on 3-3-1942, for supplying broken stone ballast on the Dhond, Sholapur and Shahabad sections. The Form of Tender, Schedule and Conditions of Contract can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2 per set. These sums will not be refunded. (7378)

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. J. M. KAMDAR and B M. KAMDAR, the proving Executors of the Will of Mr. MORARJI M. KAMDAR, deceased of Bombay Hindu inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 94, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land or ground together with the building standing thereon situate, lying and being on the East side of Nepean Sea Road, Malabar Hill, outside the Fort, in the registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 478 square yards according to Survey Register for the Town and the Island of Bombay or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Nos. 16356 and 16369, New Survey Nos. 1B-7214 and 2B-721 and Cadastral Survey No. 337 of Malabar and Cumballa Hill Division and registered in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Assessment under D Ward No. 3289(2), Street Nos. 75-77, Nepean Sea Road and bounded as follows: East—partly by a private road belonging to Mr. Harnandrai Ramnarayan and to Mr. Birla and partly by the property belonging to Mr. Birla, West—by the said Nepean Sea Road, North—by the property of the late Mr. Jairaj Vussonji Munjee and South—by the property of Mr. Birla.

Dated this 16th day of February, 1942.

CHITNIS & KANGA,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 7398.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Land with buildings thereon, situate at Station Road Santa Cruz forming a portion of Plot No. 128, Entry No. 3177 in the Record of Rights owned by Mr. J. K. Mehta is to be purchased by our client Mr. M. M. Patel. Any one having a claim, charge or interest in or upon the said property should inform the undersigned within 14 days after which time no claims will be considered.

MAHESH N. MAJMUNDAR,
Advocate.
27, Picket Road.
Bombay 17-2-42, 7394.

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. RASIKLAL MAGANLAL SONAWALLA, one of the Trustees of the estate of the late Mr. Gordhandas Ranchhoddas Bhagat, with the consent of the other three Trustees, has agreed with my client for the absolute sale to him of the pieces of land described in the schedule hereunder written, free from all encumbrances.

All persons having or claiming to have any right, title, interest or estate in the said pieces of land or any portion thereof, by way of bequest, charge, charity, easement, exchange, gift, inheritance, lease, lien, maintenance, mortgage, occupation, possession, sale, share, trust, wahiwat or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned, Advocate for the Purchaser, at his office in "Shanti Sadan" Building, at Andheri, Bombay Suburban District, within fourteen days from the date hereof; otherwise the sale will be completed at the expiry of the said period, without reference to any such claim or claims, and the same, if any, will be deemed and considered to have been knowingly waived.

SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

All those two pieces of land or ground situate at Andheri, Taluka South Salsette, Bombay Suburban District, and bearing description as under:—

(1) The piece of land, admeasuring 11361 Sq. Yds. made up of Survey No. 110 Hissa No. 1, admeasuring 5451 Sq. Yds., and Survey No. 20, Hissa No. 1, admeasuring 5910 Sq. Yds. or thereabouts, and which big piece of land is bounded on the East South and West by the water course or Nalla, and on the North partly by the Public Tank and partly by the property of Mr. Goregaokar,

(2) The piece of land, admeasuring 1175 Sq. Yds., made up of Survey No. 21-A, Hissa No. 1, admeasuring 812 Sq. Yds., and Survey No. 19, Hissa No. 1, admeasuring 363 Sq. Yds., or thereabouts, and which big piece of land is bounded, on the North by the Nalla, on the South by the property of Ghanasham Dinkar Patil, on the East by the Ghodbundar Road, and on the West partly by the Nalla and partly by the Municipal Market land.

Dated this 14th day of February, 1942.

GAJANAN SADASHIV PATIL,
Advocate, High Court. 7388.

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY.
INSOLVENCY No. 32 OF 1942

Re: K. A. MIRANMOHIDEEN, Muslim Inhabitant, residing at Abdul Rehman Street, Bombay and carrying on business in the name of (1) The Competitors Commonsense at Court House, Carnac Road, Dhobi Talao, and (2) Sunbright Leather Works at Abdul Rehman Street and at other places: A Debtor.

Ex parte: Messrs. NANDRAMDAS DWARKADAS, a firm ..... Petitioning Creditors.

On the 16th day of February, 1942, an order was made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtor an Insolvent.

Dated this 16th day of February, 1942.

S. S. RANGNEKAR,
Insolvency Registrar. (7393)

Auction Sales

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court Receiver High Court, Bombay as receiver appointed in the High Court Suit No. 1367 of 1927 has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client:

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Gresham Buildings, 45-47, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece of land, situate at the village of Casba Rajapur, Sub-District and Taluka Rajapur, Registration District Ratnagiri together with the buildings, trees, waters, water-courses, dressed stones, plinths, houses, cattle sheds and appurtenances of all kinds, particulars whereof are as under:

Serial No.	Survey No.	Pot No.	Falni No.	Name of the field.	Land. A. G.	Assessment.		
1.	126	1		Baug.	5 28-1|4	8	0	0
2.	"	"	1	"	0 24	0	2	0
3.	"	"	2	"	0 8	0	1	0
4.	"	"	3	"	0 4	0	0	6
5.	"	"	4	"	0 2	0	0	6
6.	"	"	5	"	0 13	0	1	0
7.	127	1	"	"	1 6-3|4	3	8	0
8.	"	2	5	"	0 16-3|4	0	8	0
9.	"	3	"	"	0 27	2	8	0
10.	"	"	1	"	0 1	0	0	6
11.	"	"	2	"	0 1	0	0	6
12.	"	"	3	"	0 17	0	1	0
13.	"	"	4	"	0 5	0	1	0
14.	"	"	5	"	0 10	0	1	0
15.	"	"	6	"	0 30	0	4	0
16.	128	"	2	Bungalow.	0 16	0	1	0
17.	"	"	3	"	1 17	0	8	0
18.	"	"	4	"	1 28	0	4	0
19.	130	"	1	"	2 36	1	0	0
20.	131	"	1	"	3 15	0	12	0
21.	113	"	13	"	0 12	0	6	0
22.	121	"	14	"	0 13	0	1	0
					21 12-3|4	18	5	0

Dated this 17th day of February, 1942.

PEREIRA FAZALBHOY & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys. (7392)

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TUESDAY, FEB. 17.

Delhi, I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For India Troops in the Far-East. 5 Bhajans 5-15 Jagannath Buwa Pandharpurkar. 5-35 Clarionet recital 5-40 Khushi ke Naghme. 6-15 Munni. 6-30 Round the Ashrams, 3: Talk in Hindustani on Harijan Ashram, Delhi. 6-45 For villagers only. 7-45 It has happened, or Geet by Bhajan Lal. 7-55 Saidullah Butt. 8-5 Duets. 8-15 For the Universities: Talk on Evolution To-day 8-30 Jagannath Buwa Pandharpurkar. 8-50 Manohar: Film songs. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 Saidullah Dutt. 9-55 Listening Post: Talk relayed from B B C. 10 Jagannath Buwa Pandharpurkar. 10-15 Munni 10-30 Malkaus on Sitar

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Prema Bai Kumthekar. 7-50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English. 8-10 Dinanathrao Mangeshkar. 8-40 Todi on Jaltarang. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 G.M. Nagpuri. 9-25 String music. 12-30 p.m. Sindhi songs. Marathi songs. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Gujarati songs. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch Hour Music. 4-15 School Broadcast. 4-35 Musical interlude or Listeners' Corner. 4-45 History: Talk in Marathi on "The Old Order Changes." 5 Tomorrow. 5-5 Nalini Rao. 5-15 Sirish Upadhya. 5-25 G.M. Nagpuri. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Prema Bai Kumthekar. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Nalini Rao. 6-20 Local news and announcements in English. 6-25 Same in Hindustani. 6-30 Children's half hour in Gujarati. 7 The Layman's Economist: Talk in Marathi. 7-15 G.M. Nagpuri. 7-25 Prema Bai Kumthekar. 7-45 News commentary in Gujarati. 7-50 to 8 Out-Post of Islam. A talk in Hindustani by Khwaja Mushtaq Ahmed. 8-0 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 Science Your Servant. 3: Talk on Iron and Steel. 8-45 Dot and Dash by D. F. Karaka. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening Post. 10 Julia Bennett: Soprano. 10-15 Julia Wortmann: Pianoforte 10-30 Lambert Mascarenhas: Tenor.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-50 Recitations from Gujarati Poems 8 Shankerrao Biniwale: Violin. 8-10 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Brahmanand Bhajan. 9 G.S. Yellapurkar. 9-10 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1. 12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

4-15 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 Sirish Upadhya. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)

7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 to 8 As in Bombay 1. 8 Dinanathrao Mangeshkar. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 A I R Orchestra. 9-10 Prema Bai Kumthekar. 9-25 G.M. Nagpuri. 9-35 A I R Bhajan Mandali. 9-45 Dinanathrao Mangeshkar. 10-15 Palatati Srashti: Gujarati play.

MEETINGS OF GUMASTAS: There will be meetings of Gumastas of Mandavi at Azad Chalk, under the presidentship of Mr. Abhyankar and another meeting of Gumastas at the office of Bhendi Bazar Gumasta Mandal, under the presidentship of Sjt. Keshav Talpade to-day (Tuesday) at 9-30 p.m.

City And Suburbs

Ranji Trophy

BOMBAY TO MEET MYSORE IN FINAL

Northern India Beaten By Seven Wickets

LAHORE, Feb. 16.

Bombay won their match against Northern India in the Cricket Championship by seven wickets after 45 minutes' play this morning. Bombay will now meet Mysore in the Final.

SCORES:

N. I. C. A. 1st Innings	211
Bombay 1st Innings	257
N. I. C. A. 2nd Innings	225
Bombay 2nd Innings for 3 wkts.	184

DETAILS

Interest in the match having completely waned there was a crowd of less than a hundred people to watch the finish of the second Semi-Final of the Ranji Trophy Tournament between Bombay and N. I. C. A. on Monday. The visitors who had yesterday piled up 136 for the loss of three wickets and required only 44 runs with seven wickets in hand to register victory, resumed their second innings.

Merchant and Ibrahim, overnight not-outs, opened cautiously to the bowling of Chunilal and Jehangir Khan. Merchant glanced Chunilal to boundary for the first four of the morning and Ibrahim to the other end reached his individual 50 with a boundary to midoff off Jehangirkhan. Late-cutting Chunilal to boundary and leg-gliding the same bowler for another four, the Bombay Skipper passed his 40 when the total was 157. Habibullah replaced Jahangir at 160 and Nazar Mohd came on in place of Chunilal at 168.

After 45 minutes' play in the morning Merchant hit the winning stroke off Habibullah and stumps were drawn at 184. Merchant (not out) 48, Ibrahim (not out) 69 Extras 17. Total for three wickets 184.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

Jehangirkhan 24/12/30/1. Chunilal 18/2/52/0 Mohd. Sharif 3/1/7/0. Agha Sarfraz 14/1/42/1 Mohd. Nazar 4/0/12/0. Habibullah 12/3/24/0. Anwar Hussain 1/1/0/0

FALL OF WICKET

12/1, 44/2, 70/3.

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

Hindu: Fagan Shud 2, 1998
Musim: Saia. 1, 1361
Parsi: Shehrever 16, 1311
Sunrise: 7-8 a.m. Sunset 6-38 p.m.
Hightide: 1-12, 13-25. Lowtide 7-26, 19-18

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

EXCELSIOR—"World Premiere" 4, 6-30 9-30
REGAL—"Kipps" 3-30, 6-30 & 9-30 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Western Union" 4 6-30 & 9-30
METRO—"International Squadron" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Garib" 3, 6 & 9 p.m.
MINERVA—"Sikandar" 3-30, 6-15 & 9 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Beti" 3, 6 & 9 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap" 2-45, 5-45 & 9
LAMINGTON—"Chandan" 4, 7 & 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Jhoola" 11-45 a.m. and 3 & 6 p.m.
NEW WEST END—"Doctor" 3-30, 6-15 & 9
BROADWAY—"Gangavataran" 4-15 7 & 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Payachi Dasi" 4-30 7-15 & 10 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Municipality" 3 6 & 9 p.m.
EDWARD—"Kangan" 4 6-30 & 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Shadi" 4 6-45 & 9-45 p.m.
PALACE—"A Woman's Face" 4 6-30 & 10
IMPERIAL—"Pyas" 4, 7 & 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Khazanchi" 4, 7 & 9-45 p.m.

B. P. ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: Prof. Dandekar will not take his classes in Indian Philosophy to-day (Tuesday).

VISAPUR REOPENED: The Government of Bombay has reopened the Visapur prison as a temporary measure.

CLEARING HOUSE: Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 12-2-1942 were as under:—Number of cheques—1,09,593 Amount of cheques—18,21,19,480-12-3.

A.R.P. IN SION: Mr. D. N. Kale, will speak on A.R.P. "Organization", to-day (Tuesday) at 8-30 p.m. in Sion English School.

A.R.P. AT WORLI: Mr. R. D. Khade will deliver in Marathi the fifth lecture on "First-Aid" at D. D. Chawl No. 52 at 7 p.m. to-day (Tuesday).

MAHIM A.R.P. COMMITTEE: Mr. S. K. Mukerji Chief Instructor, A.R.P. School will deliver a lecture on "Obscuration of Lights" at St. Michael's High School, Mahim to-day (Tuesday) at 8-30 p.m.

A.R.P. KHAR DIVISION: Mrs. Queenie H. C. Captain will inaugurate the new series of A.R.P. lectures to be delivered by Mr. S. K. Mukerji at the C. K. P. Hall, Linking Road, Khar, to-day (Tuesday) at 7 p.m.

GUMASTA UNION, BOMBAY: An urgent meeting of the Managing Council of the Gumasta Union will be held to-day (Tuesday) at 9-30 p.m. at the Gumasta Union's Office, Meghwadi, Government Gate Road.

DISCOURSE ON JNANESHWARI: Mr. D. V. Sabnis, will give a religious discourse on Jnaneshwari (in Marathi) at 8 p.m. to-day (Tuesday), at Sri Ramkrishna Ashram premises, 64, Portuguese Church Street, Dadar (B. B. & C. I. Railway).

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY: Prof. H. S. Rubens will deliver the second of the series of the Wilson Philological lectures to-day (Tuesday) in the Lecture Theatre, University School of Economics and Sociology on "Biblical Hebrew" at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.).

BOMBAY FIELD-CLUB: The annual general meeting of the Club will be held at 5-30 p.m. to-day (Tuesday), in the hall of the University School of Economics and Sociology, 1st floor, University South Wing.

DR. JIVRAJ MEHTA'S CANDIDATURE: Dr. Jivraj M. Mehta is a candidate for election to the Senate of the Bombay University from the Registered Graduates' Constituency at the forthcoming election in June.

A.R.P. IN MATUNGA: The Divisional Warden and the Divisional Medical Officer will deliver the fourth lecture on "First-Aid to the Injured" in the premises of Messrs. The Indian Hume Pipe Co., Ltd., Antop Hill, Wadala, to-day (Tuesday) at 5 p.m. (S.T.).

GATHA SOCIETY: A public meeting of the Gatha Society will be held to-day (Tuesday) at 6 p.m. (S.T.) at K. R. Cama Oriental Institute, 136, Apollo Street, Fort, when Mr. Behramgore T. Anklesaria, will give a summary in Gujarati of the Vahishta Ishti Gatha (Yasna Ha 53).

ADYAR DAY: Bombay Theosophical Federation 'Adyar Day' will be celebrated in the Besant Hall, Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Chowpatty to-day (Tuesday) at 6-30 p.m., when short speeches will be delivered by Mr. J. Dwarkadas and others.

107TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY OF SRI RAMAKRISHNA: The 107th birthday anniversary of Sree Ramakrishna Paramhansa will be celebrated in the city of Bombay, to-morrow (Wednesday) as per programme below:—

Public meeting at Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, Chowpatty at 6-15 p.m.

President: Mr. R. P. Masani, Vice-Chancellor, University of Bombay.

Musical Concert and Songs. Speeches by Prof. V. G. Rao of Elphinstone College. Prof. P. M. Trivedi, of Wilson College. Mr. N. V. Tampi President, Theosophical Society and others. Distribution of scholarships to the Students of Ramakrishna Mission Home.

The celebration at the Ashram will be held wholeday on Sunday, 22nd February.

Blackout In Suburban And Kolaba Districts

The District Magistrate, Bombay Suburban District, has ordered that from 14th February 1942 complete obscuration of all lights will be enforced between 10 p. m. and 6 a.m. within the limits of Bandra-Santa Cruz Municipality, Vile Parle-Andheri Municipality, Juhu Municipality, and villages of Malad, Borivli, Versowa, Madh, Erangal, Daravli, Aksa, Marve, Malavni, Charkhop, Kharodi Kandivli, Manori, Gorai, Mahul, Tombay and Nanale.

The District Magistrate, Kolaba, has ordered from 14th February, 1942, complete obscuration of all lights will be enforced between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. in the following areas:—

"All revenue villages of Alibag Taluka lying to the West of Alibag-Rewas Road including Alibag and of those villages of Uran Peta lying to the West of a line drawn from Karanja to Nova, inclusive of both."

High Court

MURDER TRIAL

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chagla and a Special Jury)

Emperor

vs.,

Mukhtyakhan Tajmulkhan—Accused.

The Accused was charged with having committed the murder of one Suleman Adam on 11th August, 1941.

The Prosecution case was that Suleman Adam was going along Ibrahim Rahimtulla Road when the Accused, went up to him stabbed him with a knife, pushed him down and ran away. The Accused pleaded not guilty and stated that he had been wrongly implicated in the crime.

The evidence in the case is proceeding. There are several witnesses and the hearing of the case is likely to last a number of days.

Mr. E. B Ghaswalla with the Advocate-General instructed by the Public Prosecutor appeared for the Prosecution.

Mr. H. R. Pardiwalla defended the Accused.

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(By A SUBURBAN MAN)

Suburban Civic Guards held on Sunday evening sports, fete, followed by a variety entertainment on St. Andrew's High School ground, Bandra which realised a net profit of Rs. 1,500 for war gifts fund. Mr. G. W. McElhiney, Collector of Bombay and Bombay Suburban District presided and gave away the prizes.

The sports were followed by an auction of articles when a miniature clay statue of Mr. Winstone Churchill was sold for Rs 35. Several other articles were auctioned and the net proceeds from these articles were Rs. 250.

After the auctioning a variety entertainment was held in the school hall when gate money of nearly Rs. 1,200 was collected.

RAILWAY TRAVELLERS MASS

The Bandra Catholic Railway Travellers Association celebrated on Sunday morning their 41st annual thanksgiving mass at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Mount, Bandra. Rev. Fr. Walter D'Souza, Chaplain, sang the mass. Rev. Fr. Laita S.J. preached during the mass.

Mehli Mehta's Violin Recital

Mehli Mehta, the well-known violinist of Bombay gave a very successful violin recital at the Cowasji Jehangir Hall on Monday evening.

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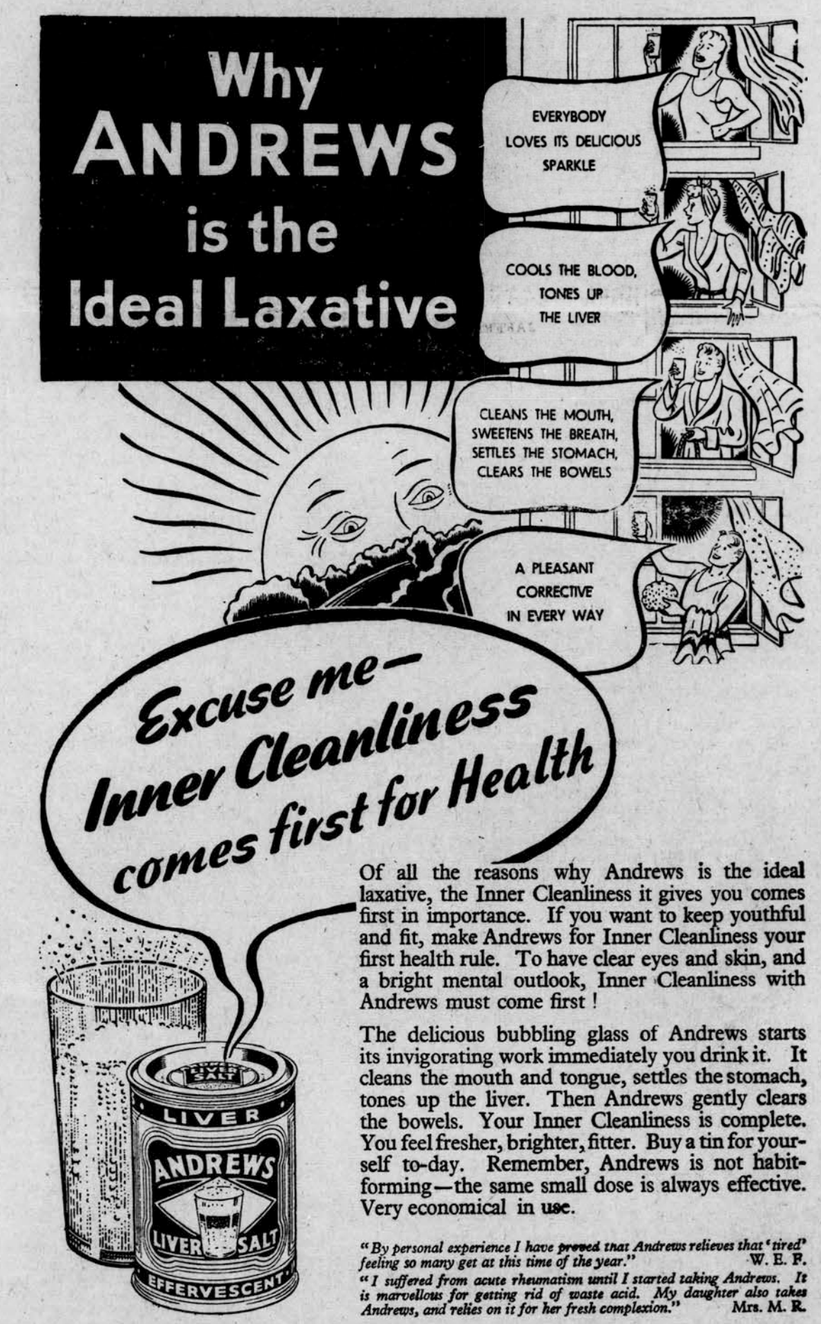
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GRAVE CRISIS

Mr. Churchill's broadcast will achieve the immediate purpose for which it was intended. A man, who could rally his people after Dunkirk, simply cannot fail to do so after Singapore. But there is a different in circumstances. His post-Singapore call has been made against the background of his own failures while the 1940 call was made against the background of another's failures. The response to Mr. Churchill's speech is, therefore, immediate but not without criticisms and urgent suggestions to mend and reorganise his Government. Unless he has become obstinate in disastrous measure, two alternatives are open to him. He must immediately vindicate his policy by some extraordinarily spectacular victory or agree to suggestions that have been pressed upon him. The former is impossible, the latter is not improbable. But even in the latter case the situation, at any rate in the Far East, cannot be completely redeemed unless Mr. Churchill and his colleagues do justice to India's demands. This, however, so far as present indications go, only an optimist can believe to be likely.

Need For Reinforcements

But what about the immediate military crisis arising out of the fall of Singapore? With Singapore in Japanese hands, only one thing stands between Japan and complete freedom of military and naval movement not only in Western Pacific but also through a great stretch of the Indian Ocean. That obstacle is General Wavell's last line of defence which comprises the islands of Java and Sumatra. Can it be held for any length of time? The answer depends upon the measure of military, aerial and naval reinforcements which General Wavell is reported to have begun receiving. Are they in ample measure? We do not know. But in the meantime the Japanese have already started a large scale invasion of Sumatra.

Burma Situation

Nor is the crisis confined to South-west Pacific. The situation in Burma is serious, so serious that its immediate potential gravity cannot be minimised. The Japanese have crossed the Salween and have forced a "bulge" between the coast and Paan. What is worse, they are continuing their pressure westwards. The Salween was an important line of defence for the British. Japanese success in reducing it clearly means that the invading force is superior in numbers and equipment in that area, too. If this is the position now, what would it be later when the Japanese deployed additional divisions and aircraft from Malaya and Singapore? There is a report that reinforcements intended for Singapore are now being diverted to Burma. Let us hope this is so. Let us hope that the British manage to strengthen themselves quickly and sufficiently to ward off the danger to Rangoon and the Burma Road. For these two are more vital than even Singapore, Sumatra and Java.

Lessons From China

Madame Chiang-Kai-Shek's address to press representatives at Delhi conveys two very important lessons to India. One is the attitude of the Chinese people towards religion and politics. Though there are different religions in the country she does not emphasise the differences as our alien Government would have done. She rather says that religion is a personal matter and that "politics is not coloured by religion." Both the Government and the people of India may learn something from this. Not less important is Madame Chiang's view of another secret of China's strength. "It has been possible to put up this gigantic struggle", she said, "because we feel it is better to die than to become slaves and to have our children and children's children become slaves, because we are determined to see that China is once for all freed from Japanese aggression." It is obvious that by slavery she meant subjection to alien rule.

Wanted Prompt Action

It is curious that, even in the face of the announcement that Singapore has fallen, the local cotton market has moved up in a spectacular fashion. Broach cotton prices have advanced by about Rs. 25 per candy in two days. The market is now free from the state of suspense and it is believed that something helpful will be done by the Government to stabilise cotton prices, as we have lost all our export trade. It is true that Britain is taking more Indian cotton; but the staple being unsuitable, purchases are limited. Thus we have to depend entirety upon domestic consumption. The prospective situation is encouraging and Government orders to the extent of Rs. 40 crores for completion by April will soon be with our mills. If Government take over short staple cotton from markets, which is only about one million bales, the economic position of cotton growers will improve. The Egyptian Government bought the whole crop and if the Government of India, too, buy up about a million bales of short staple which is selling at distress prices, they will be doing a real service at the present critical moment. And for the future, measures may be adopted to restrict the area under cotton cultivation. Now is the time to act and maintain the confidence which is already reviving.

Red Tape

It appears from facts stated in the "Hindustan Times" that Mr. Onkar Nath Bakliwal, President of the Town Congress Committee and a Satyagrahi prisoner, applied on 10th January to the Prison Superintendent for release on parole to be able to see his mother who was seriously ill. As the Superintendent wanted the application to be sent to the Commissioner, application was made to the latter on January 12. The Commissioner asked the applicant to approach the Local Government. A telegram was sent to the Chief Commissioner on January 13, followed by an application the next day. Meanwhile, says our contemporary, the condition of the old lady was steadily deteriorating Two more telegrams were sent on January 24 and January 29. The Press Note says that the order for release on parole of Mr. Onkar Nath Bakliwal was passed on January 29, but the order could not be given effect to until January 30. Mr. Bakliwal reached home at 9 a. m. on that day, while his mother had died early in the morning before her son's arrival. A little more sympathy and less red tape would have enabled the prisoner at least to see his mother before her death. Five days later the authorities released several Satyagrahis, including Mr. Onkar Nath, presumably under the plan of progressive release of political prisoners. If his release on 4th February was not likely to endanger public peace, could he not have been released earlier, at least on parole?

Frankly Speaking

Another Rommel Offensive!

Increased Axis activity east of the Tmimi-Mekili line—evidently both the towns are now in enemy hands—suggests that General Rommel is about to launch another big offensive. He cannot choose a better time for it. He has received considerable reinforcements and supplies and the morale of his troops is at its height not only because of his own successes but also because of the results of the Battle of the Straits and the Battle of Singapore. What are the chances of the Eighth Army? In the air it is receiving splendid support. But aircraft, however remarkable their exploits, cannot alone beat General Rommel. A great deal depends on General Ritchie's armoured strength and upon guns which can deal effectively with the German tanks. The next few days will show how much of both he possesses.

America's Part

Discussing the credit and debit sides of the situation Mr. Churchill said that the entry of the U.S.A. into the war more than offset the present adverse balance. This is theoretically quite true. The resources of America can overwhelm the Axis and Japan. The plans announced from time to time in the various fields of a total war effort are literally stupendous—when they materialise. But there has arisen, particularly in the Pacific, an immediate crisis which cannot be checked merely by colossal bills and equally colossal blue-prints. That crisis calls for some immediate interim action, too. But it is yet to be known that the U.S.A. will give an adequate response. Mr. Churchill insists that the shield of American naval power in the Pacific was dashed to the ground "only for the time being." When will it be restored to the Pacific?

Need For Special Measures

Replying to a question in the Central Legislative Assembly on the subject of civil defence, Sir Reginald Maxwell said: "The police forces throughout the country have been strengthened by the enlistment of about 30,000 additional police and this process is still going on. In addition some 65,000 Civic Guards have been enrolled, and one of their duties will be to assist in the maintenance of order under war conditions." These measures are not adequate for a vast country like India. More men need to be engaged and they should all be warned to work in co-operation with public bodies lawfully attempting to maintain peace and order. It will be a good plan to have, for every town and its neighbouring villages, a Civil Defence Advisory Board, consisting of officials and unofficials and acting as a link between Government and the public.

Escape Of Nazi Warships

British People Rudely Shocked By Invasion Prospects

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Feb. 16.

Although Singapore holds the front pages of newspapers, people all over this country are discussing only one topic—the slipping of German warships, "Scharnhorst", "Gneisenau" and "Prinz Eugen," under the very nose of the British Navy and sail through the English Channel.

The news of the German daring has startled the public and completely destroyed the complacent idea that Hitler could never directly invade this country.

Overnight opinions changed and searching questions began to be asked. It is learnt that Mr. Churchill has ordered searching inquiry into the Channel battle. He will reply, states the "Star" political correspondent, at the next meeting of Parliament, some questions the people are asking about the escape of German battleships.

It is understandable that he will not be able to give certain details publicly for security reasons and, therefore, some M.P.s, urge a secret discussion.

On the facts that emerge from the inquiry which will be concluded during the week-end, the Premier will apportion responsibility and sanction disciplinary action if necessary.

As a result of this escape a renewal of the demand in Parliament for a separate naval air force—land-based air wing under complete control of the Admiralty—is likely.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who left Delhi this morning arrived here this evening. Pandit Nehru did not detrain here and carried on in the same train presumably bound for Calcutta.—A.P.

Britain's Evil Genius

Arthur Moore Exposes Beaverbrook: A Defeatist He Will Be Our Ruin If He Remains In Office

CALCUTTA, Feb. 16.

"Lord Beaverbrook's speech in the Lords makes it imperative that some one should tell the truth about him. This man is a defeatist and will be our ruin if he remains in office," says Arthur Moore in a signed article in the "Statesman."

"In the end he would make Britain into a lone little Island like Singapore, for which there would be nothing left but surrender. He is losing us the oil, tin and rubber of the British and Dutch Empires, while he piles up tens of thousands of aircraft and tanks in England behind his Maginot Line of the Channel, and already has to talk of a new "Ersatz" regime of synthetic rubber to be created in the years to come. About tin he is reduced to silence.

"Last year when I pleaded with him in London to let us have, or at least to let the Americans send us, machine tools and experts to build up belated war industry in the East, and to send us aircraft for training on a large scale, he replied in a short sentence of six words and thirteen letters which I shall never forget. He said: "I'd be made to do it!" it sounded like a knell in my ears. I knew then that I was listening to the death sentence of many brave men.

When I said that Hitler, having lost the battle of Britain, must turn East for oil, and that the Japs must likewise break out, he would not listen. "He must come here", he said. "This is the only place where he can get peace."

"But what kind of peace will you get," I asked, "if he has got new sources of material, and you have lost the East?"

He could not see that. Read all the last paragraphs of his speech in the Lords on October 23. You will see that he does not consider Asia at all. He assumes the ultimate defeat of Russia and the final invasion of Britain. He is almost solely concerned with that final invasion of Britain, and actually tells the world he is going to pile up stuff there till finally he is able to take all the workers out of the factories and put them in the trenches, the last ditches, where another of the great heroic tragedies like Hong Kong and Singapore is to be played.

Read his speech on Thursday last. And you will see that this again sticks out a mile. Everything is to be got into Britain. Figure for yourselves what thousands and thousands of aeroplanes and tanks he must be bottling up, when all that he let go to the actual wars last year were nine thousand odd aeroplanes and three thousand tanks.

I charge Lord Beaverbrook with being the author of our vicissitudes in Libya, our disasters in Crete, our lack of preparation in the Far East. He is the evil genius in the Inner Cabinet. I am not seeking a scapegoat: let him be made a Duke, or anything but in heaven's name, let him resign quick. He has never been right: and his whole outlook on life and on the future is unworthy of us. Our Allies, and our aims.—A. P.

Call For Overhaul Of British War Machine

Inquiry Into Malayan Debacle: Australia No More Relies On Promises: All Eyes On Java And Sumatra

LONDON, Feb. 16.

Admiral Sir Roger Keyes speaking at Gosport this afternoon said: "I understand that an inquiry is being held into the deplorable proceedings of Singapore and in our narrow seas. As the matter is "sub judice" I will refrain from commenting on the facts."

Admiral Sir Roger Keyes continued: "I would, however, strongly urge as I have been urging for the past twenty years that naval aviation is of vital import to the navy and there should be no dual responsibility and the navy must be left free to develop, train and control the naval air service it needs—in fact all aircraft which work with and against ships.

But one thing is absolutely certain, the war machine in this country will have to be thoroughly overhauled. Otherwise victory will be postponed and people will pay with their lives while waiting for victory.

It is unfair on the youth of this country that they should not be provided with the best vessels and best means for making war and should not be given a vigorous offensive war policy. When these things come victory will not be long delayed".

DEFENDERS OF SINGAPORE

According to the Domei Agency there were 15,000 United Kingdom troops, 13,000 Australians and 32,000 Indians employed in the heroic defence of Singapore.

Reuter was informed today that the Regiments which were taking part in the fighting in Malaya and Singapore Island were:

BRITISH:—The North Lancashires, the Brigade of Guards, the East Surreys, the Leicesters, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the Gordon Highlanders, the Manchesters Regiment, the Malay Regiment, the Sarawak Rangers, the Royal Marines together with Australians and the following Indian Regiments:

The Punjabis, Jats, Baluchis, Garwhalis, the Frontier Force, the Hyderabad Regiment and Punjab Motorised Units.

Australia's Eyes On Java And Sumatra

SYDNEY, Feb. 16.

The news of the fall of Singapore was received with the deepest concern and sorrow throughout Australia. The wonder is what would be the next setback, following repeated failures to meet the enemy with adequate navy and army and in particular the air forces.

They feel that they can no longer rely on statements that essential help is being sent to vital points and this feeling is having an unsettling effect.

As the war draws closer to them the Australians are stiffening their upper lips and becoming more grimly resolute. Their eyes are on Java and Sumatra with the hope that some quick way will be found there of checking the Japanese onslaught.—

CALL TO MUNITIONS WORKERS

Appealing to-day to munitions workers for nothing short of a hundred per cent production, the Minister of Munitions, Mr. Makin, revealed that members of the Volunteers Defence Corps and the Militia were forced to train with broomsticks instead of rifles at one stage because Australia had sent all reserve rifle stocks to Britain after the retreat of Dunkirk and although Australia had fully equipped the Australian Imperial Forces with rifles three times, the reserve stocks had now been built up to the level reached before Dunkirk.

Mr. Makin added: "I have read a Communique in the last twenty-four hours quoting a world famous diplomat as saying that the war in Europe will end before the Pacific war".

JAPANESE FLAG OVER SINGAPORE BUILDINGS

TOKYO, Feb. 16.

With tank corps in the vanguard, Japanese forces entered Singapore at 08-00 hrs. this Monday morning, states the Domei Japanese Official News Agency adding that the flag of the Rising Sun was flown above all important buildings

Japanese advance guards took up their positions in the city without any incident, says another Domei despatch. "The guards have been concentrated in the suburbs and are completing the work of cleaning up seditious elements.

Meanwhile, Japanese naval forces this afternoon completed the occupation of all British naval port defence facilities at Singapore, including those of Seletar naval base, and the harbour of Keppel and Changi after arrangements for their transfer had been completed between the Japanese and the British naval authorities at the British Headquarters.—Reuter.

"RELY ON THE JAPS"

TOKYO, Feb. 16.

The Domei Agency correspondent in Singapore says: "Lieut.-Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Force in Malaya in dictating Japanese terms for surrender to Singapore at a forty-nine-minute meeting with Gen. Percival, Commander-in-Chief of the British forces last night, accepted the fullest responsibility for the lives of British and Australian troops, and British women and children remaining in Singapore. He declared: 'Rely upon the Japanese.'

HOLD NEAR EAST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.

It is essential for the Allies to hold the Near East in preparation for the time when the superiority of their armies will enable them to take the initiative, declares the Foreign Policy Association—a privately founded research organisation, in a survey on Sunday.

The Mediterranean coast of Europe, opposite North Africa, is the Nazis' most vulnerable flank, it adds, and "ultimately the Allies should bring the war directly to the German stronghold in Europe."—Reuter.

NEW QUEEN OF U. S. NAVY

35,000 Ton Battleship Launched 9 Months Ahead Of Time

NORFOLK, (Virginia)

Feb. 16.

"Ships will pour from our yards in ever-increasing quantities, ships which will bring us supremacy of the sea, ships which will bring us victory", said the Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Knox, speaking in connection with the launching today of America's latest battleship, the 35,000 ton "Alabama."

"To-day we know beyond doubt that the burden of our navy is the greatest it has ever had to bear", he went on. "We must protect our shores and our coastal commerce. We must protect those strategic areas vital to our defence—Hawaii, the Panama Canal and the Carribean Sea. We must defend our good neighbours to the south. We must protect the flow of supplies to Great Britain, that citadel of freedom. We must check as best we can the surging flood of Japanese aggression in the Antipodes until we can muster our forces to send it hurtling back whence it came.

These activities girdle three-fourths of the globe. They demand that we gain as rapidly as possible the control of the seas. This mighty vessel will be an important addition to our naval forces—and she is being launched here to-day nine months ahead of schedule. And I may point out as evidence that the United States Navy is ever in the forefront of ship construction that by the use of welding and other means in this vessel we have so decreased the structural weight as to add considerably to her capacity for guns, armour and ammunition."

Referring to the Two-Ocean Navy Programme Col. Knox said: "This ship here is tangible evidence of the success of that programme. We cannot doubt that before many months have passed she will have had her first taste of battle. The navy welcomes her as the New Queen among her peers. In the future as in the past may the name "Alabama" ever stand for fighting spirit and devotion to a cause."—Reuter.

40,000 Indians Evacuated From Burma And Malaya

Aney On Shipping Difficulties: Mudaliar's Assurance To Joshi On Issue Of Compensation For Workmen

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16.

In the Legislative Assembly this afternoon, three divisions took place in the course of discussion of Sir Sultan Ahmed's Bill seeking to amend the Indian Penal Code so as to give wider interpretation of the word "harbour." Government being successful in all of them.

STANDING EMIGRATION COMMITTEE

The House accepted Mr. Aney's motion for election of eight non-official members to serve on the Standing Emigration Committee during 1942/43. During discussion raised by Sir Federick James and in which Mr Joshi, Sir Abdul Halim Gaznavi, Sir Henry Gidney and Mr. Azhar Ali participated questions were raised as to the position of the Department of Indians Overseas 'visa vis' Indians in the enemy occupied territories, particularly in the Pacific War Zone.

Evacuees From Burma And Malaya

Mr. Aney told the House that about 40,000 Indians had been evacuated from Burma and Malaya. The main difficulty was shipping and the Government were utilising the ships which carried supplies to Burma to bring back Indians to India. They were also in negotiations with Burma Government to throw open all the land routes to India.

Mr. Aney added that additional assistance had been given to their Agent in Burma to cope with the additional work and he assured the House that any request from their agent for additional staff was not likely to be refused.

On the motion of Sir A. Ramaswamy Mudaliar, the House took into consideration and passed five Bills, namely the Indian Patents and Designs (Extension of Time) Act, The Cotton Ginning and Pressing Factories (Amendment) Act, The Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Act, The Indian Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, The Indus Vessels Act

Discussion of the bill introduced by Sir Sultan Ahmed to amend the Indian Penal Code clause by clause was proceeding when the House adjourned till to-morrow.—A. P.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.

Work on the 45,000 ton battleship "Kentucky" will begin within a few weeks at the Norfolk (Virginia) Navy Yard. This was disclosed by the Navy Secretary, Colonel Knox, when arriving at Portsmouth to attend the launching of the battleship "Alabama" to-day.—Reuter.

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At the press conference at New Delhi Generalissimo Chiang-Kai-Shek told journalists that it would be "after my return to China that I may have something to say to you."

We do hope it wasn't because he feared it would be a discourtesy to his official hosts.

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Says the Delhi correspondent of the local Anglo-Indian daily "for some reason or other official channels failed to arrange a meeting between the press and the distinguished guests."

Some naivete that!

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The correspondent then goes on to reveal rather indiscreetly that the meeting was arranged through "the good offices of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru."

We hope the Information authorities of the Government of India do not insist upon making an Anglo-Chinese Incident of it.

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The next step of the enemy will now be awaited."

—Anglo-India

The Japanese must apologise to the paper. The excuse that they have already taken it is not sufficient. Why didn't they inform it?

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Mr. Churchill's broadcast was addressed to "our allies", America, N. E. I. and Russia, to Australia and New Zealand, and to "our loyal friends" in Burma and India.

The subtle insinuation is the fault of Mr. Churchill's critics themselves. If they shout loudly against the Premier's Imperial policy, they must rightly be denounced as disloyal and, we hope, they are ashamed of themselves.

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Mr. Churchill described the fall of Singapore as a "heavy and far reaching military defeat," and "a British and Imperial defeat."

Some of us would reconcile ourselves to it if it were sufficiently far-reaching to involve a political surrender by Mr. Amery.

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Nothing that Britain possesses has stood idle, declares Mr. Winston. And every single instrument of war "has been deployed either against the enemy or awaiting his attack."

Principally in Britain where it won't come.

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In his broadcast, a confrere points out, Mr. Churchill did not mention the escape of the German warships.

The less said about it the better.

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Russians Making Headway On All Fronts.

—Headline.

Even British Conservatives welcome it now.

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The divorce case had lasted several days, and the plaintiff was being cross-examined.

"How many children have you?" demanded the barrister, who had already been supplied with the information.

'She had four when your cross-examination began three days ago," interpolated the judge.

VIOLATION OF B.B.C. NEWS COPYRIGHT

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16.

In the Legislative Assembly Mr. Lalchand Navalrai asked whether it was a fact that news items taken from the B. B. C. brodcasts were being published from time to time in certain newspapers in India, particularly the "Hindu" of Madras, and whether the Posts and Telegraph Department took objection to publication of news from the B. B. C. in the "Sind Observer" of Karachi in 1939, and whether Government were prepared to see that all newspapers were treated impartially by permitting them to use news items from the B. B. C. broadcasts when Reuter, whose subscribers they were, failed to send them news in time owing to some difficulty or other.

Sir Andrew Clow replied that a few cases had been brought to the notice of the Director-General, Posts and Telegraphs and action was taken on the merits of each case. The "Hindu" of Madras was alleged to have published news obtained by wireless but no definite evidence had been obtained justifying further action.

The Editor of the "Sind Observer" of Karachi admitted having violated broadcast receiver licence conditions in this respect and on his expression of regret and assurance not to repeat the offence the Director-General, Posts and Telegraphs decided to drop the matter.

MAHATMA WAS INVITED TO MEET CHIANG-KAI-SHEK

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16.

A 'communique' issued by the Department of Information and Broadcasting says: With reference to the suggestion appearing in the Press that Mahatma Gandhi had not received an invitation to meet His Excellency, Generalissimo Chiang-Kai-Shek, enquiries at the Viceroy's House have elicited the following statement:—

"Messages in identical terms to be conveyed to Mr. Jinnah and Mahatma Gandhi were despatched on the same day. That to Mahatma Gandhi was communicated to him by the District Officer on February 10. It was to the effect that His Excellency the Viceroy had been given to understand that H. E. Generalissimo Chiang-Kai-Shek would value an opportunity of meeting him during his visit to Delhi where he would be for the next five or six days —A. P.

The Half-Column
By "Dim"

On the page on which is emblazoned the fall of Singapore I find an A. P. message which takes one from the sublime and the tragic to the ridiculous. It is the news para which tells us that the most honourable Order of the Bath has been conferred upon Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek. The message adds that this is "in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the Allied Cause." I can only say that this reads as absurd as if I were to say that in recognition of the Marshal's outstanding achievements in the Allied Cause, I have invited him to be the guest of the Half-Column. Somehow, Britain seems to be losing all sense of proportion. If the Marshal's "outstanding achievements" have to be recognised, surely it does not need an Order of the Bath to do this. They have been acknowledged by the five hundred million of China, by the 350 million of India and all over the world. Must we stultify this achievement by conferring on the man an honour, which I regret to say means very little in the year 1942.

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I would like to know why the original ABCD front has been now made into the ABDA front by Mr. Churchill? Is the inclusion of Australia and the exclusion of China in this new lettering influenced by Mr. Curtins and Dr. Gerbrandy's utterances? And why is China left out from the Pacific War Council? Let us have some reasons to help us to understand these far-reaching changes.

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"The Times of India's" Delhi correspondent reveals that:

"For some reason or other official channels failed to arrange a meeting between the press and distinguished guests, and pressmen sought the good offices of Pandit Nehru and through him succeeded in fulfilling their desire to meet Generalissimo and Madame Chiang. They were granted an audience on the grounds of their residence."

Congratulations to the "Times of India" for publishing this. But may I ask the reason of this failure on the part of "official channels" to arrange a press meeting for China's No. 1, Man?

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EXPORTS

Bombay February 16.

1237 pkgs castor oil The Swastik Oil Mills Ltd; 100 bags dry ginger K Morarjee; 100 bales raw wool C Lister and Co; 2250 tons manganese ore James Finlay and Co Ltd; 156 bags gum P Hirachand; 20 cases sandalwood oil Sorabjee Navrojee and Co.

GOOD TRADE DEMAND IN N. Y. COTTON MARKET

Moderate Hedge Selling

UNDERTONE VERY STEADY

Bombay: Feb. 16.

On Saturday the New York cotton futures market was very steady with a moderate demand. There was absence of any fresh news and speculators were inclined to await developments.

New York cotton prices advanced on continuance of good trade demand and New Orleans buying, but the rise met moderately active hedge selling by leading spot houses and week-end realising.

At the opening March was quoted 5 pts up at 18.48 and advanced to 18.50 which was the highest level for the day. Thereafter prices declined to 18.45, which was the lowest level for the day. The market closed at a net rise of 2 to 7 pts. Spot cotton prices gained 3 pts at 20.07c per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was very steady and with moderate buying closed at a rise of 5 to 6 pts. Spot cotton prices closed 4 pts up at 19.16c per lb.

WEEKLY REVIEW

After early upturn prices sagged on indications that President Roosevelt would veto legislation prohibiting sale of surplus commodities and on adverse war news. Confusion and uncertainties have been created by conflicting price control policies. According to Southern advices 1941 equities are ranging 18 to 25 dollars per bale above loan rates, compared with 20 to 30 last week. The agitation for importation of long staple Peruvians to ease the tight domestic situation is encountering opposition. A mixed trading market is indicated at present. There was small civilian business in cotton goods with attention focussed on fulfilment of Government contracts.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest 18.50+07 (10-7 a.m.); lowest 18.45+02 (12 noon).

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Market narrow and featureless. Undertone steady.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York: February 14.

March	18.45+02
May	18.51+03
July	18.72+02
October	18.84+07
December	18.89+06
January	18.93+05
Middling Spot	20.07+03

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New Orleans: February 14.

March	18.52+06
May	18.66+06
July	18.78+06
October	19.04+05
December	19.09+05
January	19.13+05
Middling Spot	19.16+04

LONDON EXCHANGES
London: February 14.

T T London on New York 4.02 1/2 sellers, 4.03 1/2 buyers: Madrid 40.5 official, 46.55 volunteer rate; Montreal 4.43 sellers, 4.47 buyers; Zurich 17.3 sellers, 17.4 buyers; Stockholm 16.85 sellers, 16.95 buyers.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay: February 16.

Following a rise of 2 pts in New York cotton futures the local market opened today at Rs. 194 for Broach A/M delivery and declined to Rs. 189/8 on disappointing war news. At the decline there was renewed buying and prices improved to Rs. 192. The market was steady.

There was steady buying and prices advanced to Rs. 198 but reacted to Rs. 196/8 and again improved to Rs. 198. The market is anxiously awaiting some constructive steps from the Government to stabilise cotton prices. There was steady buying and prices advanced to Rs. 200/8. The market closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

BROACH	April/May	Rs.	198 8 0
BROACH	July/August		207 8 0
OOMRA	March		159 0 0
OOMRA	May		164 0 0
OOMRA	July		168 0 0
BENGAL	March		129 0 0
BENGAL	May		132 8 0
BENGAL	July		135 0 0

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay February 16

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G Bengal U P	133	130	127	124	
M G Punjab	133	130	127	124	
M G Rajputana	139	136	133	130	
M G Oomra No. 3	156	153	150	147	
M G C P No. 1	192	189	186	183	
M G C P No. 2	168	165	162	159	
M G Broach No. 2		185	182	179	176

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay February 16

	Old	Ready	Feb
Bengal Fine	112-15	129/32	..
Berar	117-22	152/54	..
C. P. 1	137-42	182/84	..
C. P. 2	130-22	160/62	..
Khandesh	86-90	117/20	..
Muglai	90-92	127/32	Fine
Broach	110-15		—13
Broach Low	90-95		..

PEPPER AND GINGER.

Bombay February 16

Pepper ready	Rs.	113 0 0
Pepper Chaitra Sud 15		119 0 0
Pepper Jeth Sud 15		123 0 0
Ginger ready		50 0 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15		52 0 0

LINSEED AND WHEAT

Bombay February 16

Linseed May	Rs.	9	1 3
Wheat May		7	1 0

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay: February 16.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52	95/8
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes	92
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan	96/8
3 per cent 1949/52 Loan	96/8
4 per cent 1960/70	105/8
4 per cent 1943 Bonds	102/8
3 per cent War Bonds	100/12
3 per cent 1963/65 Loan	92/4
4 1/2 per cent 1955 Loan	111

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan	105/10
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore	115
6 per cent 1955 Mysore	127

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T	1947 106
4 per cent M Deb	1947 106
6 per cent M Deb	1954 123
6 per cent K P T	1956 123

Trend:+Easy.
All rates are nominal.

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay: February 16.

On Saturday London Markets were closed. London Gold was quoted at £8/8/0. Dollar-Sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York. London spot silver was 23 1/2d and forward quotation was 23 9/16d. New York spot silver was unchanged at 35 1/8 cents. London Bombay spot silver parity was Rs. 62/10/3 and forward parity was Rs. 62/12/6. The local market was steady as usual with moderate buying. Mysore Gold was quoted at Rs. 52. Quotations were as under:—

Gold ready Rs. 50, Fagan Rs. 48/14. Silver ready Rs. 73. Fagan Rs. 65/13. Sovereigns Rs. 37/4.

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay February 16

Groundnuts February—			
Opening	Rs.	43	9 0
Highest		44	6 0
Lowest		43	8 3
Closing		44	5 0
Cottonseeds May—			
Opening		44	11 0
Highest		45	4 6
Lowest		44	9 6
Closing		45	2 6
Castorseeds May—			
Opening		25	3 0
Highest		25	9 6
Lowest		25	2 0
Closing		25	9 0
Cottonseeds May—			
Opening		41	0 0
Highest		41	0 0
Lowest		41	0 0
Closing		42	2 0

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Burma Shares Decline

Bombay: February 16.

The Share Bazar displayed considerable confidence despite the news of surrender of Singapore. There was moderate buying in cash section based on the theory of handsome dividends, but Bombay Burma Share suffered considerably.

The forward Section remained closed and in the face if threatening war situation, it is impossible to solve the problem. The deadlock is bound to continue until better times and a majority of Brokers believe that month to month budlee business must be continued with the suspension of the "selling out" Rule The local Share Bazar has experienced several crises in the past, but the present one is of a different nature and needs extra precaution to deal with.

On Saturday the Wall Street market was steady. U. S. Steel shares closed 1/8 up at 51 3/8 and Anaconda Copper Mining shares gained 1/8 at 26 1/2 and General Motors were 5/8 up at 33 3/4 dollars.

Tata Steel Defd shares were being done at Rs 1525 on cash and ordinary shares were placed at Rs. 287 but later on eased off to Rs. 286. Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 1120. Kohinoors were placed at Rs. 468. Century on cash basis were quoted at Rs 350 and forward quotation was Rs. 365. Associated Cement shares were done at Rs. 158/8 on cash.

TEXTILES
Bombay: February 16.

100 Ahmedabad Advance	295	0
250 BOMBAY DYEING	1110	0
100 CENTURY	350	0
100 CENTRAL INDIA	330	0
100 Colaba	180	0
100 Coorla	140	0
250 Dawn	562	0
250 David	325	0
1 E. D. Sassoon Defd.	2	7 0
100 FINLAY	200	0
100 GOKAK	230	0
1000 Hindustan	2525	0
100 Indore	205	0
100 Khatau	202	0
100 KOHINOOR	450	0
250 LAXMI	680	0
100 Madhusudan	350	0
100 MORARJI	455	0
250 Model	183	12
50 MYSORE	232	0
200 NEW GREAT	275	0
100 Oosmanshahi	253	0
100 Podar	185	0
100 Phoenix	482	0
25 Sassoon silk	90	12
1000 Sholapur	6350	0
50 SIMPLEX	201	0
100 SWADESHI	385	0
100 SWAN	215	0
500 Vishnu	1555	0
1000 Western	1600	0

BANKS

50-100 Baroda	108	2
25-50 Central India	40	0
500 Imperial	1510	0
125-500 Imp. Cont.	376	0
50-100 India	144	0
100 Reserve Bank	102	0
5 Union	6	0

CEMENTS

100 ASSOCIATED K-D	158	8

INSURANCE

10-50 British India	13	0
100 Empire	768	0
15-100 Jupiter	14	4
30 Mercantile	68	0
15-75 New India	44	0
200 Oriental	4010	0
10-50 Vulcan	9	10

ELECTRIC

100 Ahmedabad Old	172	0
1000 ANDHRA VALLEY	1627	0
10 Ajmer	1213	0
50 BOMBAY TRAMS	140	0
100 Bombay Suburban	181	0
10 Broach	13	6
100 Karachi	217	0
100 Poona	217	0
100 Surat	183	12
100 TATA HYDRO	185	0
1000 TATA POWER	1500	0

RAILWAYS

500 Ahmedabad Prantij	852	0
100 C. Province	104	0
100 Dhond Baramati	104	4
100 Gujarat	104	0
100 Mandra Bhon	107	0
100 Pachora Jamner	93	0
100 Sara Sirajganj	107	0
500 Tapti Valley	635	0

MININGS

9 Burma Corporation	2	1
28h. Indian Copper	1	10
10 Indian Iron and Steel	21	8
30 SHIVRAJPUR	31	8
10 Mukund Iron	13	0
40 TATA STEEL DEFD	1525	0
75 TATA STEEL ORD.	285	0
10 Steel Corporation	13	6

MISCELLANEOUS

100 ALCOCK	605	0
10 Air Services	3	14
50 BELAPUR SUGAR	218	0
200 Bombay Safe Deposit	650	0
250 BOMBAY STEAM	291	0
100 B. BURMA	225	0
50 Conty.	99	0
8sh. Br. B. Petrol	1	6
100 IND. BLEACHING	175	0
50 Ind. Invest Trust	48	8
100 Indian Radio Def	360	0
100 Indian Radio Ord.	630	0
100 Port Canning	81	8
30 PREMIER CONS.	111	0
15 Scindia	18	1
24 Tata Oil	47	8
24 Tata Chemical	13	0
100 Wimco	202	8

PREFERENCE

7 p.c. Andhra Valley	1552	0
5 p.c. Bom. Steam	325	0
7 p.c. Bom. Tram (T.F.)	77	8
5 p.c. Central India (T.F.)	627	0
6 1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 1st	121	0
6 1/4 p. c. Premier Const. 2nd	116	0
7 p.c. Tata Hydro	155	0
7 1/2 p.c. Tata Power	1595	0
6 p.c. Tata Steel 1st	205	0
7 1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	124	0
7 p.c. Vishnu	746	0

DEBENTURES

4 p.c. Andhra Valley Deb.	106	12
4 p.c. Bom. Telephone	80	2
5 p.c. Morarji	104	0
5 p.c. Sholapur	73	4
4 p.c Tata Power Deb.	105	8

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay: February 16.

Opening around the previous closing levels the market improved somewhat on scattered buying and closed steady. Tata Deferreds opened at 1490 and after touching 1525 receded to 1520. Tata Ordinaries, likewise, opened at 279 and improved to 285, but finished at 284. Amongst textiles, Bombay Dyeings were steadier at 1065. Indian Irons, however, were slightly easier at 21/6.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange to-day:—Tata Deferreds (1500) 1490, 1525 1520. Tata Ordinaries (280) 279 285 284. Indian Iron 21/6, Steel Corporation of Bengal 13/6, Bombay Dyeing 1065, Central India 325, Century 340, Gokak 225, Kohinoor 445, Simplex 165, Andhra Valley 1650, Tata Hydro 165, Tata Power 1535 Associated Cement 157/8, Belapur 220, Bombay Burma Old 220.

COTTON PARITY.

Broach A/M below N.Y. May 1.110 cent pts. at Exchange 331.

Broach J/A below N.Y. July 1,082 cent pts at Exchange 331.

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES.

MARCH
New York February 15

Previous closing	18.45
To-day's opening	18.45
Difference	nil.
To-day's closing	not received

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York February 15

Following are the New York opening ranges:—

March (18.48/48) 18.45/43
May (18.63/63) 18.57/55
July (18.75/74) 18.65/65

LONDON COMMODITIES.

London, February 16

SEEDS

Castorseeds February/March (£20 5/8 sellers) £20 5/8 sellers

Linseed Bombay/Calcutta February/March (£20 11/16 sellers) £20 11/16 sellers

Linseed La Plata February/March (£19) £19 sellers

Groundnut Coromandal Coast February/March (£18 7/8 East Coast India shipment; £19 1/8 West Coast India shipment). To-day's rates unchanged.

LONDON METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, February 16

The London Stock Exchange was generally dull.

3 1/2 PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London, February 16

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 3/4

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

London, February 16

5 per cent 1958/68 £101

BRITISH FUNDS.

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £82 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £107
2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 7/8
4 per cent Funding Loan £115 1/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £104 3/4
3 per cent War Loan £100 1/8
4 per cent Victory Bonds £113

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 16-6
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 31-1 1/2
Electric Music Industry 13-9
Princhin Johnson 20-9
Imperial Chemicals 32-7 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary 48-1 1/2
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £77
Dundee 27-7 1/2
Unilever Ordinary 27-9
Ford Motors 25-1 1/2
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £66 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordy £3 3/4
Carreas 'A' £5 13/32
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 1/8
P and O Defd 27-1 1/2
Distillers 74-9
Bredford Dye 9-1 1/2
British Celanese 6-9
J and P Coates 35-4 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary 32-3
Fine Cotton Spinners 5-4 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary 16-6
Inter Nickel 42 1/4
Indian Iron 36-3

TEA SHARES

Assam 15-0
Donaro Tea 27-6
Empire of India 15-0

JUTE

Barnagore £9

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber 9-4 1/2
Gula Kelampong 8-9
Rubber Plant Inv. Trust 12-5

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 16-10 1/2
Burma Corporation 4-0
Rio Tintos £7 3/4
East Rand Properties £1 15/16
Rand Mines £6 7/8

MINE SHARES

Crown £9 3/8
Associated Portland Cement 48-9
Trinidad Leasehold 64-4 1/2
Sub-Nigel £6 1/2
Spring Mines Split Shares £1
Union Corporation 140-0

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 35-7 1/2
Anglo-India 40-7 1/2
Burma Oil £1 31/32
Mexican Eagle 12-9
Shell Transport £1 31/32
Royal Dutch £15

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £44 1/4
London Midland Ordinary £15 1/2
London North Eastern Defd £2 1/4
London Southern Defd £16 1/2
London Transport 5 per cent £130
London Transport £40 1/2

MONEY MARKET

Bombay: February 16.

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 days/Bt 1/6 9/32 2 months
Banks buying 90 days/Bt 1/6 5/15 Three months.
Banks buying 90 days/Bt 1/6 5/16 Four months.
B. C. RATES:—
T T 1/5 15/16; D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32, D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32; D D 1/6 5/32
NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4; D D Rs. 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2; D D Rs. 326 1/2
Cross Rates Dol 4.02 1/2; 3 1/2
MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2; D D Rs. 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 1/4; D D Rs. 293 3/4
Cross Rates Dol. 4.43/47.
JAVA:—
Banks selling T T Gld 55 3/4; D D Gld 56
Banks buying T T Gld 57 1/2; D D Gld 58
Cross Rates Gld 7.58/62
BERNE:—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4; D D nil.
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2; D D nil.
Cross Rates Fcs 17.30/40.
STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T K 123; D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 128
Cross Rates K 16.85/95
SINGAPORE:—
Banks selling T T nil; D D nil
Banks buying T T nil; D D nil.
Cross Rates nil.
MEXICO:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27; D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04; D D Rs. 62.04
Cross Rates Pes 19.5 21.5
LISBON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nominal; D D Esc 7.35 nominal.
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55
Cross Rates Esc 99.80 100.20
NEW YORK:—
Cross Rate Dol. 4.03 3/4
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Dull.
Gold £8-3-0 Ready
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready; 23 1/2 Forward.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call 1/4 per cent.
1 to 2 months 1/2 per cent.
3 to 5 months 3/4 per cent.
9 months 1 per cent.
Tone:—Easy.

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay February 16

Yellow metal sheets	Rs.	99	0 0
Copper sheets	Rs.	107	0 0

Tone:—Steady.

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES.

T.T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York February 16

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	4.03 3/4

T.T LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, February 16

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON BULLION.

London, February 16

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER
London, February 16

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

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4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York February 16

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

General Motors dol 32 3/8
Anaconda Copper Mining dol 26 1/8
United States Steel Common dol 51
United States Steel Preference unquoted

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay February 16

Wheat May		0	6 0
Linseed May		0	9 0
Groundnut May		3	10 0
Castorseed May		3	8 0
Cottonseed May		1	12 0
Silver 1st settlement		1	8 0
Gold 1st settlement		2	0 0

Control Of Thos. Cook

LONDON, Feb. 16.

The control of Thomas Cook, the tourist agency which celebrated its centenary last year, is to be acquired by four British main railway companies. A bill is now before Parliament to enable them to secure share capital of £1,575,846, which since 1928 has been held by the Wagon Slits Company, a Belgian concern now in German hands. The shares are now vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property.

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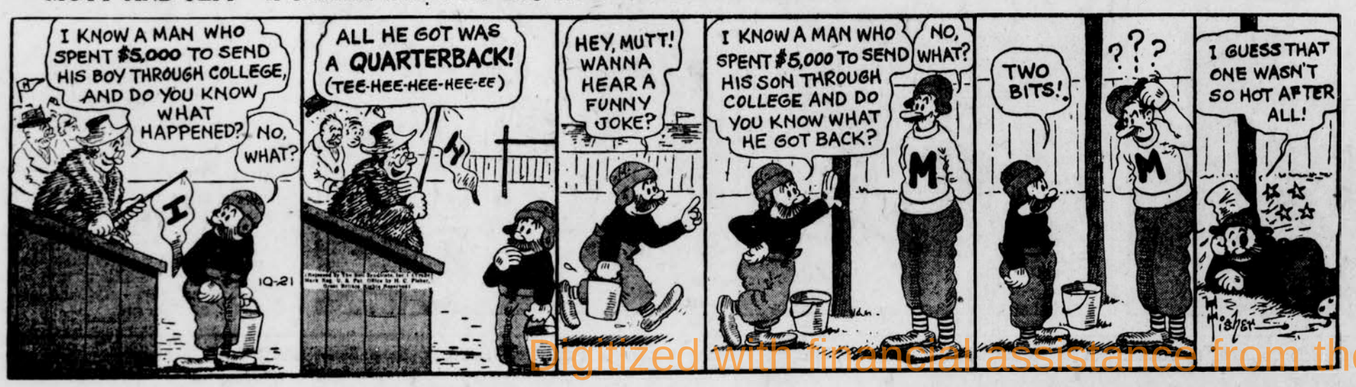
MUTT AND JEFF—If Jeff Had Said Four Bits He'd Have Had a Halfback — By BUD FISHER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NO, WHAT?
ALL HE GOT WAS A QUARTERBACK! (TEE-HEE-HEE-HEE-EE)
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CHURCHILL ON FALL OF SINGAPORE: CALL TO BRITONS TO EMULATE EXAMPLE OF SOVIET PEOPLE

"Here is another occasion to display that calm and poise, combined with grim determination which not so long ago brought us out of the very jaws of death. Here is another occasion to show, as so often in our long story, that we can meet reverses with dignity and with renewed accessions of strength," said Mr. Winston Churchill in the course of a broadcast to the United Nations on the fall of Singapore.

"We must remember that we are no longer alone. We are in the midst of great company. Three-quarters of the human race are now moving with us. The whole future of mankind may depend upon our action and upon our conduct. So far we have not failed. Let us move forward steadfastly together into the storm and through the storm", declared the Prime Minister.

Proceeding Mr. Churchill said:—

LONDON, Feb. 15.

"Nearly six months have passed since at the end of August I made a broadcast directly to my fellow countrymen.

AUGUST 1941 & AFTER

It is true that our position in August 1941 seemed vastly better than it was a year earlier in 1940 when France had just been beaten into awful prostration in which she now lies, when we were almost entirely unarmed in our own island and when it looked as if Egypt and all the Middle East would be conquered by the Italians who still held Abyssinia and had newly driven us out of British Somaliland. Compared with those days of 1940, when all the world except ourselves thought we were down and out for ever, the situation the President and I surveyed in August 1941, was an enormous improvement. Still when you looked at it bluntly and squarely, with the United States neutral and fiercely divided, with the Russian armies falling back with grievous losses, with German military power triumphant and unscathed and with the Japanese menace assuming uglier shape each day, it certainly seemed a very bleak, anxious scene.

How do matters stand now? Taking it all in all, are our chances of survival better or are they worse than in August 1941? How is it with the British Empire or the Commonwealth of Nations? Are we up or down? What has happened to the principles of freedom and decent civilisation for which we are fighting? Are they making a headway or are they in greater peril? "We shall not fail now."

WHERE ARE WE?

"Let us take rough with the smooth, let us put good and bad side by side, and let us try to see exactly where we are. The first and the greatest of events is that the United States is now unitedly and wholeheartedly in the war with us. The other day I crossed the Atlantic again to see President Roosevelt. This time we met not only as friends but as comrades standing side by side and shoulder to shoulder in battle for dear life and dearer honour in a common cause and against a common foe. When I survey and compute the power of the United States and its vast resources and feel that now they are in it with us, and with the British Commonwealth of Nations, all together, however long it lasts, till death or victory, I cannot believe there is any other fact in the whole world which can compare with that. That is what I have dreamed of, aimed at and worked for and now it come to pass.

THE REDEEMING FEATURE

But there is another fact, in some ways more immediately effective. The Russian armies have not been defeated. They have not been torn to pieces. The Russian peoples have not been conquered or destroyed. Leningrad and Moscow have not been taken. Russia's armies are in the field. They are not holding the line of the Urals or the line of Volga. They are advancing victoriously, driving the foul invader from that native soil they have guarded so bravely and loved so well. More than that, for the first time they have broken the Hitler legend. Instead of victorious and abundant booty which he and his hordes had gathered in the west, he has found in Russia so far only disaster, failure and shame of unspeakable crimes, slaughters or loss of millions of German soldiers and the icy wind that blows across the Russian snows. Here then are two tremendous fundamental facts which will in the end dominate the world situation and make victory possible in a form never possible before.

But there is another heavy, terrible side to the account which must be set in the balance against this inestimable gain. Japan has plunged into war and is ravaging the beautiful, fertile, prosperous and densely populated lands of the Far East.

It would have never been in the power of Great Britain while fighting Germany and Italy—long hardened and prepared for war—while fighting in the North Sea, in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic to defend the Pacific and the Far East single handed against the assault of Japan.

There was, however, one hope, one hope only, namely, that if Japan entered the war with our Allies, Germany and Italy, the United States would come in on our side, thus far more than repairing the balance.

For this reason I have been most careful all these many months not to give any provocation to Japan and to put up with Japanese encroachments, dangerous though they were, so that, if possible, whatever happened, we should not find ourselves forced to face this new enemy alone.

I could not be sure that we should succeed in this policy. But it came to pass. Japan has struck her felon blow and a new, far greater champion has drawn the sword of implacable vengeance against her, on our side.

IRRATIONAL ACT

"I shall frankly state to you that I did not believe that it was in the interests of Japan to burst into war both upon the British Empire and the United States.

I thought it would be a very irrational act. Indeed, when you remember that they did not attack us after Dunkirk, when we were so much weaker and when our hopes of the United States' help were of a most slender character and when we were all alone, I could hardly believe that they would commit a mad act.

To-night the Japanese are triumphant. They shout their exultation round the world. We suffer. We are taken aback. We are hard pressed.

But I am sure even in this dark hour, that criminal madness will be the verdict which history will pronounce upon the authors of Japanese aggression after the events of 1942 and 1943 have been inscribed on its sombre pages.

"The immediate deterrent which the United States exercised upon Japan, apart, of course, from the measureless resources of the American Union, was the dominant American battle fleet in the Pacific which with the naval forces we could spare, confronted Japanese aggression with a shield of superior sea power.

But, my friends, by an act of sudden violent surprise, long calculated, balanced, prepared and delivered under the crafty cloak of negotiation, the shield of sea power, which protected the fair lands and islands of the Pacific Ocean, was for the time being—but only for the time being—dashed to the ground.

Into the gap thus opened rushed the invading armies of Japan. We were exposed to the assault of a warrior race of nearly 80 millions with a large outfit of modern weapons whose war lords had been planning and scheming for this day and dreaming of it perhaps, for 20 years, while our good people on both sides of the Atlantic were praying about perpetual peace and cutting down each other's navies in order to set a good example.

BARBAROUS ANTAGONISTS

The overthrow for a while of the British and United States sea power in the Pacific was like the breaking of some mighty dam. The long gathered, pent up waters rushed down the peaceful valley carrying ruin and devastation forward on their foam and spreading their inundations far and wide.

No one must underrate any more the gravity and efficiency of the Japanese war machine. Whether in the air or upon the sea or man to man on land, they have already proved themselves to be formidable, deadly and, I am sorry to say, barbarous antagonists.

This proves a hundred times over that there never was the slightest chance, even though we have been much better prepared in many ways than we were, of our standing up to them alone, while we had Nazi Germany at our throats and Fascist Italy at our belly.

"It proves something else which should be a comfort and reassurance. We can now measure the wonderful strength of the Chinese people who under Generalissimo Chiang-Kai-Shek have single-handed fought this hideous Japanese aggressor for four and a half years and left him baffled and dismayed.

We must not underrate the power and malice of our latest foe But neither must we undervalue the gigantic, overwhelming forces which now stand in line with us in this world struggle for freedom.

And once they have developed their full natural, inherent power, whatever has happened meanwhile will be found fully capable of squaring all accounts and setting all things right for a good long time to come.

You know I have never prophesied to you or promised smooth or easy things and now all I have to offer is a hard, adverse war for many months ahead. I must warn you as I warned the House of Commons before they gave their generous vote of confidence a fortnight ago that many misfortunes, severe torturing losses and remorseless gnawing anxieties lie before us.

One fault, one crime—and one crime only can rob the United Nations and the British people, upon whose constancy this great alliance came into being, of victory upon which their lives and honour depends, the weakening in our purpose and therefore in unity—that is the moral crime.

EXAMPLE OF RUSSIA

Whosoever is guilty of that crime or of bringing it about in others—of him let it be said that it were better that a millstone were hung about his neck and that he were cast into the sea.

Last autumn when Russia was in her most dire peril, when vast numbers of her soldiers had been killed or taken prisoners, when one-third of her whole munition making capacity lay—as it still lies—in Nazi hands, when Kiev fell and foreign ambassadors were ordered out of Moscow, the Russian people did not fall to bickering among othemselves.

They just stood together and worked and fought all the harder They did not lose trust in their leaders. They did not try to break up the Government.

Hitler had hoped to find Quislings and Fifth Columnists in the wide regions he had overrun and among the unhappy masses who fell into his power.

He looked for them, he searched for them, but he found none.

The system on which the Soviet Government is founded is very different from ours and from that of the United States. However that may be the fact remains that Russia received blows which her friends feared and her foes believed were mortal and through preserving national unity and persevering undaunted had a marvellous come back for which we thank God now.

In the English speaking world we rejoice in free institutions. We have free parliaments and a free press. This is the way of life we are used to. That is the way of life we are fighting to defend. But it is the duty of all who take part in those free institutions to make sure, as the House of Commons and the House of Lords have done and will, I doubt not, do that a national executive government in times of war have a solid foundation on which to stand and on which to act: that misfortunes and mistakes of war are not exploited against them: that while they kept up to the mark by helpful, judicious criticism or advice, they were not deprived of the persisting power to run through the period of bad times and the many cruel vexations and come out on the other side and get to the top of the hill.

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